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THE LEAGUE AND PEACE

Ever since the League of Nations and the Peace Treaty were hitched together, it has been apparent that the whole thing was likely to meet defeat. The American people wanted peace, but they did not want to accept a League of Nations without knowing what it was and having an opportunity to study it.

The fate of the proposed league was what thoughtful people looked for. America should do its full share toward helping others but American interests should have first consideration, and the welfare of Americans should be fully safeguarded.

By its appeal to the members of the Senate to "get together" and ratify the peace treaty, the "League to Enforce Peace" convicts itself of want of intellectual honesty. In its statement to the country and its appeal to the Senate, the League makes no mention whatever of the President, who absolutely controls the great majority of the Democratic members of the Senate and who insisted that the treaty must be ratified without the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t." If the League were desirous of setting facts clearly before the country, it would place the responsibility for defeat of the treaty where it belongs-not upon the Senate but upon the President.

It is not true, as asserted by the League, that the country is surprised and indignant by the defeat of ratification. On March 4, 1919, there was introduced in the Senate a carefully prepared Public School Children Make Fine resolution signed by 39 Senators declaring their opposition to the League of Nations in the form proposed and demanding that The Junior Red Cross Campaign peace negotiations be proceeded with expeditiously, leaving the for members was practically comleague question for subsequent consideration upon its own merits. pleted on Wednesday before Thanks-The country could not possibly be surprised at the action of the giving, but all reports were not in ment of taxes, securing of fuel, and Senate in defeating ratification after President Wilson had car- till this week. It was a matter of for other needful things at this time ried out his threat to interweave the peace treaty and league town wide comment, for willingly of year. There seems to be every covenant in such a way that they could not be separated. There and enthusiastically the work was reason to believe that the Thrift has not been a day since March 4 when there could be the least verify the beginnings, and really war, will find its outlet in such clubs possible doubt that the treaty would be defeated if it came to proportionately, put to shame the this year, the Senate burdened with the league covenant. There could be adult drive. no surprise at the result.

Neither is it true that the country is indignant. In every proudly flaunt their "We belong, a election in which the issue of Americanism vs. Internationalism has been made the chief issue of the campaign, Americanism has won, demonstrating beyond a possibility of doubt that the American people demand preservation of American independence, the 25 cents each, and in cases where the line highway, were Tuesday evening continued assertion of the Monroe Doctrine, loyalty to the young person is not a wage earner, turned over to the county road com-American tradition of no European entanglements, and avoid- it was entirely up to the parents to missioners of Granot county from ance of such unconscionable agreements as the Shantung provi- evince sufficient interest, to hand over the end of the pavement on such sion of the treaty.

The League to Enforce Peace disseminates a false inference Miss Hood's room of the Republic, has every desire naturally to see when it asks the question, "Shall fifteen Senators decide where America shall stand in this world crisis." That question has not the school, were the first in their respective schools to win the banner. been and cannot be decided by fifteen Senators. Thirty-nine Two years ago and last year, Senators, or more than the number specified by the Constitution special drives were made by the turns over to the county road officials as sufficient to defeat a treaty, have united in a most solemn Juniors, for the money to cover the East Superior street from Euclid declaration of their determination to stand by American national- deficit, so that the amount turned avenue east to the city limits; West ism. Any man who assumes that any one of those men will go over to Headquarters was equal to Superior street from Cedar avenue to back on his written declaration, lays himself open to the assump- 25 cents per pupil, each school then the city limits, and Wright avenue back on his written declaration, lays himself open to the assumption that he himself would go back on a pledge made in a matter lead this year, since the work was to the city limits; and State street of like importance after similar deliberation. Members of the started so late, it was thought best from the railroad crossing south, and League to Enforce Peace are scarcely complimentary to them- by the Red Cross committe, to bor- then southwesterly and south on selves when they intimate that they expect the loyal 39 to yield row from another source the amount Riverside Drive to the city limits. their convictions.

There is not one scintilla of evidence in support of the assertion that defeat of ratification of the peace treaty "has encour- the spring to resume activities to Commissioner Chick, was a recomaged social unrest at home and abroad." There has been no earn the borrowed amount. The cer-mendation that these streets named more unrest since the defeat of ratification than there was before. tificates are finely engraved and it be paved with a twenty foot concrete

Only in one important particular does the League to Enforce the school and see them. Peace hit the truth-when it says, "Men and women of America. We wish it distinctly understood inary work completed just as quickly this is your problem. Your interests, your welfare, the honor that 40% of this fund is to be used and the future of your country are involved." Therein an abso- for local relief for Juniors, and right lute truth is stated-a truth that is becoming thoroughly under- here we request that reports of the these streets on the trunk line highstood by the country, despite the effort of internationalists to needy be made to Superintendent way to the county road commissionconvey the impression that the best way to preserve is to sur- Keider for consideration. render. This is truly the people's problem, and the people will uphold those who uphold American Independence.

SLANDERING THE CITY

On the first page of this issue is printed, in full, a base slander upon the fair name of Alma, which is apparently being sent out promisciously from New York City, for some sort of propaganda. It was orginally printed in a paper called the "Truth Teller," at Battle Creek, but it comes so far from being the truth and is such a distortion of the facts which were easily obtainable O. W. Hayes and Thomas M. House by any intelligent person who sought them, that the editor of the Record has taken some pains to investigate.

It does not seem probable that these statements were made both of whom have been connected tractors who will take the job will in ignorance because it is a well known fact that the City of with The Republic Motor Truck Com- include not only tracks, grading, etc., Alma has a population of between eight and nine thousand peo- pany Inc., since the company first but station buildings and bridges. people, hence the statement, that "The little city of Alma, Mich., started in business here, have been It is hoped by the officials and has less than 3,000," could be little less than deliberate mis- promoted to new positions at the fac- every one up and down the line inrepresentation of facts in spite of Colier's Atlas of the World, nearly ten years old.

The records show conclusively that only twenty-five girls, House becomes the general sales at least. Contractors feel confident instead of "Over one hundred" were sent from Alma and these manager of the company. official records were open to inspection, had the so-called "Truth Teller," been seeking the truth instead of sensational bunk; that public Motor Truck Company Inc. in barassments on those scores. would make his particular propaganda sound big.

We do not know Edward J. Moore's Sons of 101 Beekman street, New York, who volunteer to furnish, upon request, additional copies of this base slander upon our city, printed upon department of the concern. Later he enamelled book paper, in spite of the printers' strike, and the high cost of paper in New York. Just why "Ed." and the boys designing and engineering departare so vitally interested in Alma affairs is not visible to the ment, and later still became factory naked eye, but possibly they are possessed of those long distance manager, which position he left on smellers that can sniff "a skunk in the woodpile," a thousand December 3 to take up his new work miles away. We would suggest that if they are real "honest to segeneral manager. Thomas M. House, who has also goodness reformers," they can find plenty to do right around been with the company for years, their own city, where they will find a robbers' roost, a prostitutes' was the sales manager of the eastern paradise, a ruffians' runway, a gamblers' gaming ground, and all division, with headquarters at New the other accompaniments of evil, which will be a job worthy of York, and then became the sales mantheir talent. If they will attend to their own business, cleaning ager for the Pacific coast for the up the dirt right in their own vicinity, Alma will try to get along company. He left that position to shocked once and wounded once. without any of their absent treatment,

We have not had the pleasure of meeting the enthusiastic Col. Sol L. Long, but we would judge that his claim to the title of Colonel may be based upon his ability to shoot off his mouth, and let it run on forever like Tennyson's Brook. The fact that "Col. Sol" should jump to his feet like a startled buck, and fly to decorated this week, Manager Nick the defense of this kind of slanderous propaganda would indicate Bardavill having decided to put the

that he is some bird, but some birds are queer anyhow. We do not know who is responsible for this unjust distortion fore re-opening. We do not know who is responsible for this unjust distortion fore re-opening. The dining room son City visited with their daughter, of facts to the discredit of our city, but if they are honest people and ice cream parlor of the place Mrs. Charles Stafford Monday. seeking the truth for an honest purpose, they will give this statement of facts the same publicity in the "Truth Teller," and the same "circulation upon request" by Edward J. Moore Sons,

that was given to the misrepresentation of facts. If there are people in Alma who approve this base slander upon the city's name, the place for them is in Battle Creek with \$3,000 two weeks ago. "Col. Sol" and the other "Truth Tellers" or in New York with "Ed." and the boys where there is a demand for that kind of

When you put up your face as a truth teller, it's a good idea to stick around the facts.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The print paper situation is daily growing more and more serious with no relief in sight. The postal regulations require that subscriptions should be paid in advance. Therefore, in view of these things, we are making an effort to put our subscription list upon a strictly paid in advance basis. We notify each week, by mail, all subscribers whose subscriptions expire with the week's issue, and have recently notified, by mail, all subscribers who are in arrears as to their account.

Because of the present serious print paper situation, many of the smaller newspapers are finding it necessary to discontinue their publication entirely. Others are being forced to raise the price of their subscriptions to \$2.00 per year. We may also be forced to adopt the latter course if the price of print pa-

per soars much higher. In order to comply with the postal regulations and to meet the recommendation of the print paper board of control, it will be necessary immediately to drop from our mailing list, those who do not respond to our notices within a reasonable length of time. We regret being obliged to do so and shall be very glad to have any such subscribers call at the office, pay up, and renew their subscriptions. May we have your co-operation in this matter.

GOOD SHOWING

Showing in Red Cross Drive.

Ten rooms in the different schools, 100% strong" banners, Washington school, as usual, leading off both as the quarter, (price of one movie-). streets to the city limits, as the city

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Washington	\$100,00	400	100
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incoln	50.25	475	50
Republic	50,30	160	15
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Total	8264,66	1741	

IN NEW POSITIONS

Get Position Boosts at Republic. tory, as a result of the achievements terested in the promotion and financthat have been made, Mr. Hayes be- ing of the road to begin the actual

the local offices when the factory was a small industry struggling to maintain itself during its first few months, having a position in the purchasing

come to the factory this month to take the position as general sales

REDECORATING

The European Cafe is being re cafe in the finest possible shape be-The dining room now looks the most inviting and clean

that it ever did. The kitchen of the cafe has been entirely rebuilt, and new fixtures have been installed since the fire in Shepherd on business Wednesday. which caused a damage of nearly

It is the intention of the proprietors to open the cafe again on Saturday morning, if the worp can be comof the week on business.

Mrs. Sarah Pelton is visiting with corning, if the work can be com- ber daughter, Mrs. Carl Scott of

CHRISTMAS CLUB

Alma State Savings Bank Sénding Out Many Checks this Week. The members of the Christmas Savings Club of the Alma State Savings Bank of this city, will receive checks by Saturday, December 13, which will represent the amount that they have put into the club during the past year, in addition to the interest on these savings, and in nearly every case it makes available latter part of the week. a fine sum for Christmas presents or

The Christmas Savings Club operated by the Alma State Savings Bank is just completing its fourth year of business, and the books show that during the four years club members have deposited in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00, this being an av erage of \$15,000.00 per year; a highly creditable showing when it is taken into consideration that during a part of this period there have been demands upon these club members. as well as others, for Liberty Bonds and for Thrift stamps, to aid the government.

These figures show that the Christmas club is one of the great educational ideas working for thrift, and many merchants have stated that the Christmas Savings Club enables its members to do their Christmas shopping at an early date, and that it also aids in the disposal of many of the charge accounts that they have

The new club of the Alma State Savings Bank will open on Monday. December 15, and the largest enrollment in the history of this club is being looked for. It has been found that many people, during the war, saved money on the weekly plan of Liberty Bond buying, and that they have been convinced that the weekly plan of saving, which is offered by Savings Clubs, saves money that can be used at Christmas time. Not only does it give money for use at Christmas time, but it also furnishes money that may be used for the payput on in the schools, and the results habit, acquired by many during the

ACT ON ROADS

City Commission Has Turned State Roads Here to the County.

The roads in Alma, except paved

The action taken Tuesday evening

will be to a parent's interest to visit pavement, and that plans and specias possible

As a result of the turning over of ers there is every prospect that they will be up for improvement, as recommended by the commission, at some time during the coming year.

EARLY START

Officials of Michigan Northern to Start Work About April 1.

Negotiations for building the Michigan Northern Railroad are still progressing. Officials are getting a line on equipment and materials and correspondence between contractors and officials is being carried on to-O. W. Hayes and Thos. M. House, gether with conferences. The con-

ming general manager, while Mr. construction of the line by April 1, that material and labor will be avail-O. W .Hayes started with the Re. able and that there will be no em

HOWAY-WILES It has just become known that on

Sunday, November 9th, 1919, very quiet wedding took place at Flint, Michigan, when Miss Ilah Howay and Mr. Walter G. Wiles were united in marriage. The bride was a former resident of Vestaburg, Michigan, later moving to Alma, but at this time living in Flint. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burch of Ithaca, Michigan. Mr. Wiles spent two years in the army, one year in service overseas, was in three great battles, shell is now employed in Alma at the Republic factory

"The Miracle Man" is coming .- adv

SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans of Car-Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McQuire and

daughter, Rena, have returned to ome in Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black were Owen Stearns of Alma and Alfred Stearns of Stanton have been called

here by the serious illness of their father, H. N. Stearns. Ben Puglsey was in Alma the first

Mrs. Elmer Seaman has returned from her visit with her son in Jack-

L. Hayden of Grand Rapids transicted business here Thursday.
Mr. and Mr. Lawrence Donohue are entertaining company from Detroit this week

Frank J. Tucker of Alma was here on Business the latter part of last a brother-in-law of Mrs. Snead, which was held in Bannister the

Born to Carl Fisher and wife, a daughter on December 4.
The Sumner schools are preparing for the Christmas exercises.

Mr. O'Connor of Carson City was here on business Friday. Mr. Nickerson of Elm Hall was here on business Monday. Mrs. Edwin Snead and son, Clyde, Mrs. Edwin Snead and son, Clyde, attended the funeral of L. Peterson, Mrs. Sam Cleverdon was in Ithaca Miss Mildred Cleverdon returned Mrs. Sam Cleverdon was in Ithaca

Fred Cook is entertaining his brother, Merritt Cook of Ithaca this

week.
Mrs. John Robson of Alma visited was here Sunday.

Mrs. Tracy Stoffs entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Maple Rapids last Sunday.

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Ellison's Grocery

1,000 lbs. Cream Cheese, New York and Michigan, per lb.	40c
Fancy Cranberries, per quart	130
Monarch Corn Flakes, very fancy, per pkg.	100
Jellycon (Used same as Jello), per pkg.	100
Butter Crackers, 7 to 7½ lb. pkgs., per lb.	160
Oyster Crackers, 61/2 to 71/4 lb. pkgs., per lb.	160
Granulated Sugar, per lb.	141/20
4X Powdered or Confectioners' Sugar, per lb.	180
24½ Sacks Pure Rye Flour	\$1.25
Good Pastry Flour	\$1.60

Rolled Oats per lb.	7c
4 lbs. for	25c
Corn Meal, fancy yellow	6c
	7c
4 lbs. for	25c
Tapioca, Pearl, per lb.	15c
Cream of Wheat, per pkg.	30e

Macaroni or Spaghetti, lb. 25c 2 packages for Heinz Plum or Fig Pudding ... 50c Orange or Lemon Peel, per lb 50c Seeded or Seedless Raisins, pkg. 22c Marshmallow Cream, pint jars very fancy

Genuine Pine Christmas Trees Wreaths

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